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## **GREGG DENOUNCES ALLOWING HUSSEIN TO DECEIVE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ANY MORE, CALLS FOR ACTION**

WASHINGTON— *U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today made a statement on the floor of the U.S. Senate during debate on the situation with Iraq. The excerpts below are from that statement. If you would like a full transcript of the speech, please contact Erin or Jeff at (202) 224-3324 or Email Erin at [erin\\_rath@gregg.senate.gov](mailto:erin_rath@gregg.senate.gov).*

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**Mr. President, when we begin to address this issue of terrorism, we should start with the source. So let us turn to the words of the man who has basically orchestrated the attacks on the United States, Osama bin Laden and his intentions and the intentions of the people he commands, directs and unfortunately encourages. In a quote from a Time magazine interview, Osama bin Laden said the following relative to weapons of mass destruction: ‘Acquiring weapons for the defense of Muslims is a religious duty. If I have indeed acquired these weapons [weapons of mass destruction], then I thank God for enabling me to do so. And if I seek to acquire these weapons, I am carrying out a duty. It would be a sin for Muslims not to try to possess the weapons that would prevent the infidels from inflicting harm on Muslims.’ He goes on to say in a religious order, ‘We, with Allah’s help, call on every Muslim who believes in Allah and who wishes to be rewarded, to comply with Allah’s order to kill Americans and plunder their money wherever they find it. The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies, civilians and military is an individual duty of every Muslim who can do it in any country which it is possible to do it.’**

**These are the words of a fanatic who has a purpose. And we have seen the execution of his purpose in the attack on Americans with thousands dying in New York, hundreds here in Washington, military men and women in Yemen and our foreign service personnel in Africa.**

**The question becomes, who would he obtain these weapons of mass destruction from? The answer is clear. One of the core sources of weapons of mass destruction are terrorist states, which are producing those weapons of mass destruction; states which act outside the responsibilities of the civilized world. The state which has most flagrantly pursued that course of action is Iraq.**

**Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, that has been confirmed. They have biological and chemical weapons, and they are clearly trying to develop nuclear potential. Saddam Hussein has used those weapons not only against what he perceives as his enemy, the Iranians, but against his own people. He has killed thousands of his own people and tens of thousands of Iranians, using chemical weapons of mass destruction.**

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**In November 2002, the Security Council Resolution 1441, which was unanimously approved, decided that Iraq has been and remains in material breach of its obligation under relevant resolutions and decided to afford Iraq, by this resolution, a final opportunity to comply with disarmament obligations under the relevant resolutions. Resolution 1441 has been ignored and undermined by Saddam Hussein. There is absolutely no question that Saddam Hussein and his regime in Iraq continue to possess weapons of mass destruction, continue to hide those weapons from the inspectors, continue to violate resolution after resolution of the world community as presented by the United Nations. Iraq represents a clear and present and immediate threat not only to its neighbors, but to us, the United States of America.**

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**Last night, President Bush made it very clear that he understands that his purpose as president, his responsibility as Commander in Chief, but more importantly, his responsibility as the leader of the free world and the protector of interests of the American people and the lives of Americans, must involve the disarmament of Iraq. There can be no question about that. Iraq must be disarmed. We are engaged in a war. Some on the other side of the aisle have said or implied that there is no war and, therefore, we should not go to war. But when our buildings were attacked and our people died in New York and in Washington and our sailors were killed in Yemen and our foreign service people were killed in Africa, these were acts of war directed at the US and at our people.**

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**The smoking gun is no longer a single bullet. The smoking gun may be a nuclear bomb or a biological weapons or a chemical attack which kills tens of thousands of Americans. We cannot wait for the smoking gun. We know the weapons exist. We know the person who controls those weapons is fundamentally evil. We know the people who want to obtain those have already killed thousands of Americans. We must take action.**

**I congratulate and support the President as he moves forward to make it unquestionably clear that we will do what is necessary to protect our nation and our people and the freedoms we enjoy.**

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